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Air travelers face frustration as FAA increases flight cuts during the government shutdown

By RIO YAMAT and JOSH FUNK Associated Press

Air travelers could face more frustration as busy U.S. airports need to meet a higher Federal Aviation Administration target for reducing flights Tuesday after already canceling thousands to scale back demands on the nation's aviation system during the government shutdown.

Absences and signs of stress among traffic controllers, who haven't been paid in over a month, made it imperative to cut flights in the name of public safety, the FAA said, ordering domestic airlines last week to drop 4% of their flights at 40 major U.S. airports. After already canceling more than 7,900 since Friday, the goal for cutting flights rose to 6% on Tuesday and again to 10% on Friday.

Nearly 1,200 flights were canceled Tuesday, according to FlightAware, a website that tracks air travel disruptions. It was unclear exactly how many



Southwest Airlines planes sit at gates as travelers walk through Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Baltimore, Monday, Nov. 10, 2025.

(AP Photo/Stephanie Scarbrough)

additional flights would need to be canceled for the day, but there are fewer flights scheduled on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Severe weather is adding to the cancellations at some airports.

The average cancellation rate over the last few days already exceeded the FAA's requirement, according to aviation analytics company Cirium. The FAA also expanded its flight restrictions Monday, barring business jets and

many private flights from using a dozen airports already under commercial flight limits.

However, controller shortages continued to lead to flight delays, including one of about five hours for arriving flights Monday evening at Chicago O'Hare International Airport, where wintry weather added to staffing-related disruptions earlier in the day. The FAA warned that staffing at over a dozen towers and control centers could delay planes departing for Phoenix, San Diego, the New York area and Houston, among other cities.

Freezing weather in parts of the country on Tuesday could cause further delays and cancellations.

The Senate passed legislation Monday to reopen the government, but the bill still needs to clear the House and final passage could be days away.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy made clear last week that flight cuts will remain until the FAA sees safety metrics improve after staffing levels stabilize at its air traffic control facilities.

Many planes also aren't where they're supposed to be, which could slow the airlines' return to normal operations even after

the FAA lifts the order, said Mike Taylor, who leads research on airports and airlines at J.D. Power.

Todd Walker said he missed his mom's 80th birthday when his flight was canceled over the weekend.

"All of this has real negative consequences for millions of Americans, and it's 100% unnecessary and avoidable," he said.

The FAA had come under criticism after its original order only applied to a very small subsection of private planes. But some want to see even more done.

Patriotic Millionaires, a group of wealthy Americans pushing for more progressive taxes, is calling for all private jets to be grounded during the shutdown.

"Rich people are taking their joyrides while average Americans don't make it to grandma's bedside in time," said Erica Payne, its founder and president.

She added that none of its members that still fly private have reported cancellations or delays since the FAA's order took effect. Tuesday marks the second missed payday for controllers. Some have started calling out of work, citing stress and the need to take on second jobs.

It's unclear how quickly controllers might be paid once the shutdown ends it took more than two months to receive full back pay after the 35-day shutdown that ended in 2019, said Nick Daniels, president of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

President Donald Trump took to social media on Monday to pressure controllers to "get back to work, NOW!!!" He called for a \$10,000 bonus for those who've stayed on the job and suggested docking pay for those who haven't. Daniels said the shutdown has made controllers' demanding jobs even more stressful, leading to fatigue and increased risks. He said the number who are retiring or quitting is "growing" by the day. □

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Judge adopts Utah congressional map creating a Democratic-leaning district for 2026

By HANNAH SCHOENBAUM
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Utah judge on Monday rejected a new congressional map drawn by Republican lawmakers and adopted an alternate proposal creating a Democratic-leaning district ahead of the 2026 mid-term elections.

Republicans hold all four of Utah's U.S. House seats and had advanced a map poised to protect them.

Judge Dianna Gibson ruled just before a midnight deadline that the Legislature's map "unduly favors Republicans and disfavors Democrats."

She had ordered lawmakers to draw a map that complies with standards established by voters to ensure districts don't deliberately favor a party, a practice known as gerrymandering. If they failed, Gibson warned she may consider other maps submitted by plaintiffs in the lawsuit that led her to throw out Utah's existing map.

Gibson ultimately selected a map drawn by plaintiffs, the League of Women Voters of Utah and Mormon Women for Ethical Government. It keeps Salt Lake County almost entirely within one district, instead of dividing the heavily Democratic population center among all four districts, as was the case previously.

The judge's ruling throws a curveball for Republicans in a state where they expected a clean sweep as they work to add winnable seats elsewhere. Nationally, Democrats need to net three U.S. House seats next year to wrest control of the chamber from the GOP, which is trying to buck a historic pattern of the president's party losing seats in the midterms.

The newly approved map gives Democrats a much stronger chance to flip a seat. The state last had a Democrat in Congress in early 2021.

"This is a win for every



Rep. Cory Maloy, R-Lehi, holds a packet of potential redistricting maps as SB1012 Congressional Boundaries Designation is discussed in the House chamber during a special session at the Capitol on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025, in Salt Lake City.

(Kristin Murphy/The Deseret News via AP, File)

Utahn," state House and Senate Democrats said in a joint statement. "We took an oath to serve the people of Utah, and fair representation is the truest measure of that promise."

The state's top election official said Monday was the last possible date to enact a new congressional map so county clerks would have enough time to prepare for candidate filings for the 2026 midterms. Gibson said in her ruling that she is obligated to ensure a lawful map was in place by the deadline.

Republicans have argued Gibson does not have legal authority to enact a map that wasn't approved by the Legislature. State Rep. Matt MacPherson called the ruling a "gross abuse of power" and said he has opened a bill to pursue impeachment against Gibson.

In August, Gibson struck down the Utah congressional map adopted after the 2020 census because the Legislature had circumvented anti-gerrymandering standards passed by voters.

The ruling thrust Utah into a national redistricting battle as President Donald Trump urged other Republican-led states to take up mid-decade redistricting to try to help the GOP re-

tain control of the House in 2026. Some Democratic states are considering new maps of their own, with California voters approving a map last week that gives Democrats a shot at winning five more seats. Republicans are still ahead in the redistricting fight.

Redistricting typically occurs once a decade after a census. There are no federal restrictions to redrawing districts mid-decade, but some states more led by Democrats than Republicans set their own limitations. The Utah ruling gives an unexpected boost to Democrats, who have fewer opportunities to gain seats through redistricting. □

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Prosecutor seeks 2,352-year jail term for Istanbul's jailed mayor over alleged corruption

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Istanbul's chief public prosecutor filed a sweeping indictment against the city's jailed mayor, Ekrem Imamoglu, accusing him of 142 offenses tied to corruption and organized crime, and seeking a total prison sentence exceeding 2,000 years.

Imamoglu, a prominent opposition figure widely seen as a key rival to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, was arrested in March along with several municipal officials who were accused of running a criminal organization, accepting bribes, extortion and bid-rigging. He has strongly denied all allegations.

Critics view the accusations as a politically motivated effort to weaken the main opposition. His arrest triggered the largest wave of public demonstrations in Turkey in over a decade. Chief Prosecutor Akin Gurlek said the indictment is 3,900 pages and names 402 suspects including Imamoglu as the chief suspect, Turkish media reports said. Imamoglu was charged with organizing a criminal group, 12 counts of brib-



Istanbul Mayor and Republican People's Party, or CHP, candidate Ekrem Imamoglu addresses supporters outside the City Hall in Istanbul, Turkey, early Monday, April 1, 2024.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra, file)

ery, seven counts of money laundering and seven counts of fraud, according to Gurlek's office. Additionally, he is held responsible for multiple crimes allegedly committed by others including bribery, fraud and tender-rigging.

A trial date is expected to be set once the court formally accepts the indict-

ment. If convicted of all charges, he could be sentenced to 2,352 years in prison, according to the indictment.

"This case is not legal it is entirely political. Its aim is to stop the Republican People's Party, which came first in the last elections, and to block its presidential candidate," the party's chair-

man, Ozgur Ozel, said on X. "What happened today is a blatant judicial intervention in democratic politics and the outcome of future elections."

The corruption case is one of several legal proceedings targeting Imamoglu. Last month, prosecutors filed espionage charges against him related to an

investigation of his political campaign and a businessman arrested in July for reportedly conducting intelligence activities on behalf of foreign governments.

Imamoglu is accused of transferring personal data of Istanbul residents to secure international funding for his campaign. He has dismissed the charges as "nonsense."

Other ongoing legal cases include allegations of insulting members of the Supreme Election Council, threats and insults directed at Gurlek, the prosecutor, and accusations of diploma and document forgery. Critics view the legal cases, along with cases against other mayors and officials from the main opposition Republican People's Party, as part of a broader crackdown following a strong performance in last year's local elections. Several municipalities run by the party have faced waves of arrests throughout the year.

The government rejects the accusations, insisting the judiciary is independent and the investigations are focused on corruption or other wrongdoing. □

Taiwan evacuates thousands ahead of tropical storm Fung-wong which left 25 dead in the Philippines

By **SIMINA MISTREANU and JIM GOMEZ** Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan evacuated more than 3,000 people from vulnerable areas and

closed schools and offices on Tuesday ahead of the arrival of tropical storm Fung-wong, which killed at least 25 people and displaced more than 1.4 million in the Philippines.



A woman and child crosses a flooded street due to Typhoon Fung-wong and high tide on Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, in Navotas, Philippines.

(AP Photo/Aaron Favila)

Fung-wong was earlier classified as a typhoon but is losing intensity as it approaches Taiwan, where it is expected to make landfall Wednesday afternoon or evening near the southwestern port city of Kaohsiung.

On Tuesday morning, the storm had maximum sustained winds of up to 108 kph (67 mph) and gusts of 137 kph (85 mph) and is expected to sweep across the island and exit from its northeastern side Wednesday evening or early Thursday, Taiwan's weather agency said.

More than 3,300 people from four counties and cities have been evacuated near the eastern township of Guangfu, where flooding from a typhoon in Sep-

tember caused a barrier lake to overflow, killing 18 people.

Schools and offices were closed on Tuesday in Hualien and Yilan counties, while weather authorities issued a land warning covering south and southwestern areas including Kaohsiung, Pingtung County, Tainan and Taitung.

China activated an emergency typhoon response for its southeastern provinces of Fujian, Guangdong, Zhejiang and Hainan. Fung-wong slammed into the Philippines' northeastern coast from the Pacific on Sunday as a super typhoon with maximum sustained winds of 185 kph (115 mph) and gusts of up to 230 kph (143 mph). The 1,800-kilometer

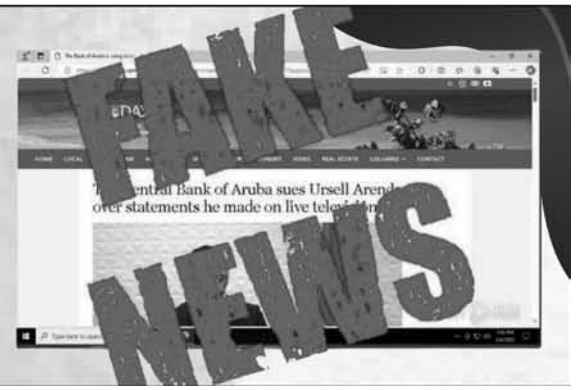
(1,100-mile)-wide storm killed at least 18 people in flash floods and landslides in several northern provinces.

More than a million people remained displaced Tuesday, including about 803,000 sheltering in 11,000 evacuation centers across the northern Luzon region, Office of Civil Defense deputy director Bernardo Rafaelito Alejandro IV said. The dead included 19 who mostly died in landslides in the Cordillera, a six-province and sparsely populated mountain region long vulnerable to land and mudslides during the rainy season that starts in June, Alejandro and provincial officials said, adding two villagers remain missing in the region. □

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A Sudanese who fled el-Fasher city, after Sudan's paramilitary forces killed hundreds of people in the western Darfur region, ties her tent at her camp in Tawila, Sudan, Sunday, Nov. 2, 2025.
(AP Photo/Mohammed Abaker)

Sudan relief operations are on the brink of collapse, UN agency warns

By NOHA ELHENNAWY Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — The U.N. migration agency warned on Tuesday that humanitarian efforts in Sudan's war-torn North Darfur region might come to a complete halt unless immediate funding and safe delivery of relief supplies are ensured.

"Despite the rising need, humanitarian operations are now on the brink of collapse," the International Organization for Migration (IOM) said in a statement. It added: "Warehouses are nearly empty, aid convoys face significant insecurity, and access restrictions continue to prevent the delivery of sufficient aid."

The IOM said more funding is needed to ease the humanitarian impact of the war between the Sudanese army and its rival, the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. The agency warned of "an even greater catastrophe" if its appeal went unheeded.

"Our teams are responding, but insecurity and depleted supplies mean we are only reaching a fraction of those in need," IOM Director General Amy Pope said in a statement.

The RSF's recent capture of North Darfur's capital, el-Fasher, left hundreds dead and forced tens of thousands of people to flee reported atrocities by the paramilitary force, according to aid groups and U.N. officials. The IOM said nearly 90,000 people have left el-Fasher and surrounding villages, undertaking a perilous journey

through unsafe routes where they have no access to food, water or medical assistance.

Tens of thousands have arrived at overcrowded displacement camps in Tawila, about 70 kilometers (43 miles) from el-Fasher. In the camps, the displaced find themselves in barren areas with few tents and insufficient food and medical supplies.

Nations press on with ceasefire efforts

Also on Tuesday, Egypt's Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty met with Sudan's army chief Gen. Abdel-Fattah Burhan in Port Sudan on the Red Sea as global efforts to reach a ceasefire and avert a humanitarian disaster in Sudan gathered pace.

Abdelatty expressed Egypt's unequivocal support for Sudan's armed forces and condemned the atrocities in el-Fasher.

"Standing by Sudan is a matter of principle," he told reporters in a news conference after the meeting, adding that Egypt supports all of Sudan's "national state institutions including the armed forces".

He stressed the need to commit to the peace plan announced in September by a quartet including the U.S., Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, according to a statement issued by Egypt's Foreign Ministry. The plan envisages a three-month humanitarian truce, followed by a nine-month political process.

The RSF said last week it agreed to the quartet's humanitarian truce. □

The gilded cross on Germany's highest peak has too many stickers. Now it's being restored

BERLIN (AP) — Visitors to Germany's highest peak will have to do without the landmark gilded cross at its summit for the next few weeks.

A helicopter on Tuesday lifted the cross from the 2,962-meter (9,718-foot) peak of the Zugspitze — a mountain shared between Germany and Austria in the Bavarian Alps — for restoration. Why? Because visitors keen to leave their mark have plastered it with stickers over the years.

The cross, which is 4.88 meters (16 feet) tall and weighs 300 kilograms (661 pounds), is being taken to the workshop of craftswoman Andrea Würzinger in nearby Eschenlohe, German news agency dpa reported.

Würzinger plans to carefully remove the thick layer of stickers, sand the iron underneath and then add new gold leaf where needed. With gold prices high, she said that "we want to try to gild it only where there is no longer gold."

The current cross was made by her father, Franz Würzinger, in 1993, replacing the original from 1851, which was damaged beyond repair. She said that, when it was first re-gilded after about 15 years, there were three stickers on it; in 2017, there were about 70; and now there are hundreds.

It's easy to reach the top of the Zugspitze, which gets around 600,000 visitors each year, by mountain railway and cable car. But the actual peak with its cross is a short climb away from the summit station where visitors gather to enjoy spectacular views.

Selfies around the cross are sought-after and the area can get crowded and slippery on busy days. Not all visitors come with suitable shoes. Some resort to risky acrobatics to put stickers on an uncovered part of the cross. In July, a replica cross was inaugurated inside the summit station in hopes that people will take their selfies and slap their stickers there instead of risking the climb to the peak. □



The gilded summit cross on the 2,962-meter peak of the Zugspitze is flown across the valley by helicopter for restoration, in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025.
(Peter Kneffel/dpa via AP)

Syrian official says his country has joined the anti-IS coalition but not the military mission



In this photo released by Syrian Presidency press office, President Donald Trump, left, shakes hands with Syria's President Ahmad al-Sharaa, at the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 10, 2025. (Syrian Presidency press office via AP)

By **ABBY SEWELL Associated Press**

BEIRUT (AP) — A Syrian official said Tuesday that his country joined the global coalition against the Islamic State group during President Ahmad al-Sharaa's historic visit to Washington, but that Syria is not part of the U.S.-led military mission fighting the extremist group.

Al-Sharaa met with U.S.

President Donald Trump on Monday and announced his country's "desire, intentions and readiness" to join the 89 other countries making up the coalition, which have committed to combat IS, but there is no signed agreement, Syrian Minister of Information Hamza al-Mustafa said in a telephone interview.

"The political coalition is different from Operation In-

herent Resolve, which is a military operations room," he said, referring to the U.S.-led military mission against ISIS in Iraq and Syria, which has for years partnered with Iraqi security forces and with the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in northeast Syria.

The U.S. had no diplomatic relations with Syria under former President Bashar Assad, but ties have

warmed since Assad's fall last year in a rebel offensive led by al-Sharaa, the former commander of an Islamist insurgent group.

"There is coordination between the United States of America and the Syrian government at present, in some cases" on anti-IS operations, Mustafa said. "But Syria is not part of the Operation Inherent Resolve that is carrying out the operations of this coalition."

The U.S. has not publicly announced Syria's entry into the coalition.

A senior U.S. administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity because there hadn't yet been a formal announcement said after al-Sharaa's meeting with Trump on Monday that Syria formally confirmed that it would join the global coalition.

While the Islamic State group lost hold of all of the territory it once held in Syria and Iraq years ago, cells of the extremist group have continued to carry out attacks in both countries and abroad. U.S. Central Command reports there have been 311 IS attacks in Syria and 64 in Iraq so far this year, down from 878 in Syria and 160 in Iraq in 2024.

Al-Sharaa's visit was the first to the White House by a Syrian head of state since the Middle Eastern country gained independence from France in 1946.

Apart from entry into the coalition, al-Sharaa used the visit to push for a permanent repeal of sanctions that punished Syria for widespread allegations of human rights abuses by Assad's government and security forces. While the Caesar Act sanctions are currently waived by Trump a waiver that was renewed Monday for another six months a permanent repeal would require Congress to act. Another topic on the agenda was the ongoing talks between Israel and Syria. Israel has regarded al-Sharaa warily. Since Assad's fall, Israeli forces have seized a formerly U.N.-patrolled buffer zone in southern Syria set up under a 1974 disengagement agreement, launched hundreds of airstrikes on Syrian military sites, and pushed for a demilitarized zone south of Damascus. The two countries, which do not have diplomatic relations, have been negotiating a potential security agreement. □

Rioting at Ecuadorian prison leaves 31 inmates dead and dozens injured

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Deadly rioting that broke out at a prison in Ecuador where inmates were set to be transferred to a new maximum-security facility has left at least 31 inmates killed and 30 others injured, prisons officials said Monday.

Authorities gave few details of the violence Sunday at the prison in Machala in southwest Ecuador, but the country's prison oversight agency said that 27 inmates died of asphyxiation and four others of unspecified causes. Authorities initially reported regaining control of the facility after only four deaths, but later reported the additional

deaths following what they said was a separate flare-up of rioting.

The agency, which said one police officer was injured, did not respond to a request for additional information from The Associated Press.

The violence broke out over plans for a "reorganization of inmates" to a new maximum-security prison that will soon begin operating in a different province, the prisons agency said.

The violence happened less than two months after 14 inmates died at the same prison in a riot that authorities blamed at the time on a dispute between gangs.

Ecuador's prisons have become among the deadliest in Latin America as overcrowding, corruption

and weak state control have allowed gangs connected to drug traffickers in Colombia and Mexico

to proliferate.

Many prisoners are heavily armed with weapons smuggled from the outside and continue to organize criminal activity from behind bars.

More than 500 people have died in prison riots since 2021. Last year, 150 prison guards were taken hostage during a series of coordinated riots across multiple prisons.

Authorities attribute the prison riots and massacres to disputes between criminal gangs vying for control of the facilities and for dominance over drug export routes and territories for distribution within the country. □



The relatives of prisoners who died during a clashes between inmates wait for the remains of their loved ones outside the morgue in Machala, Ecuador, Monday, Nov. 10, 2025.

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Aruba's first Ombudsman and what she can mean for you

(Oranjestad)—Last year Aruba marked a milestone with the introduction of the first Ombudsman of Aruba. Jurima Bryson, appointed on October 1st 2024, is proud to represent Aruba and is prepared to help both locals and tourists with their concerns.

What is the role of the Ombudsman?

In a nutshell, the Ombudsman is the middle man between you and government or semi-government agencies. This means that as a local or as a visitor of Aruba, you can file a complaint to the bureau of the Ombudsman against government and semi-government agencies.

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Because this is the first time Aruba has an Ombudsman, the bureau office is still not in operation, but Ombudsman Bryson assured that the office will be open in about three weeks. In the mean time, you can follow the bureau on Instagram and Facebook. "We provide almost daily information so they can understand the role of the Ombudsman, what she can do for them and which kinds of complaints they can submit."

Follow the ombudsman on Instagram: @ombudsmanaruba and Facebook: Ombudsman Aruba. □



Place names in San Nicolas and their origins

(Oranjestad)—If you're ever taking a tour of Aruba, San Nicolas would definitely be on your itinerary. From relaxing on the white, sandy beaches of Baby and Roger's Beach, to exploring the prehistoric caves of Quadirikiri and Fontein, you are taking in a full view of what San Nicolas has

to offer. But did you know that you are also passing through areas whose names have historical origins? Here are a few place names in San Nicolas and their origin story.

Sero Colorado

On your way to Baby or Roger's Beach, you'll pass

by the famous Red Anchor at what was once the entrance to the Colony residential community and be greeted with red soiled hills by the coast. This is Sero Colorado. Named after the 30-meter, deep red, limestone hill, "Sero Colorado" translates to "Colored Hill". Sero Colorado has deep historical ties with the once-thriving phosphate industry in the area. Matter of fact, there are still underground shafts and passages deep in Sero Colorado from the time of phosphate mining. In 1958, the refinery at the time, Lago, adopted this name for the residential section of its employees.

Vader Piet

Another well visited area, Vader Piet is located in the Arikok National Park. Recognizable sites within this area include the Wind Mills and the Quadirikiri Cave.

The origin of this name is part historical and speculation, as there are slight deviations from what actually happened.

In 1829, Pieter Lampe was a planter and the person responsible for governing this remote area. As the story goes, Pieter was well known and beloved for his kindness and good treatment of his employees, and was therefore also called Vader Piet (Father Piet). However, he was tragically murdered—some speculate at the hands of a slave. For his work and good heart, the area was named after him.

San Nicolas

Of course we can't forget San Nicolas itself. Much like Vader Piet, the origin of the name San Nicolas has so far two different accounts. In the literal sense, "San Nicolas" translates

to "Saint Nicolas", leading many to believe that this district was named after a Spanish saint. Though one account does support this with the theory that the district was named after the saint by Spanish colonizers, the other account is much less divine, but does refer to an influential figure in the area.

Nicolaas van der Biest was a successful landowner during the time of the phosphate boom in late 19th century Aruba. Back then, landowners (most, if not all of them men) were referred to as "Shon" by their subordinates. So, the district was originally named after Shon Nicolaas. Over time, the name evolved into what is now San Nicolas. □

Source: "Aruba: Short History" by Dr. J. Hartog.





Aruba's Carnaval history

(Oranjestad)—November 11 2025 has once again officially marked the beginning of Aruba's wonderful Carnaval season. The Carnaval season in Aruba is a unique opportunity to experience the cultural diversity of the Island with exciting parades, breathtaking costumes and a joyous atmosphere to be shared with visitors and locals alike.

The first signs of the Carnaval celebrations took place back in 1921, when many of the social clubs were having celebrations with costumes. These parties were mainly elite European-Style balls and costumed parties made to celebrate seasonal festivities. After a few years, the Americans in San Nicolas who were working in the Lago Oil Refinery introduced their own Euro-American style to the festivities. These festivities were mainly taking place around Halloween, Christmas and Carnaval, becoming the first few steps into the celebrations we know and love today.

In the following years, the Lago Oil Refinery started to reach higher levels of employment, with most of

their recruits coming from Caribbean-English islands like Trinidad, Jamaica and British Guyana. These Caribbean immigrants were among the first to organize a parade in San Nicolas for the victory achieved during the Second World War. These were the immigrants who enriched Aruba with the Trinidadian style of Carnaval.

The third era of the Aruban Carnaval began when the native Aruban and English groups joined to plan the first public carnival that would be island wide. Hosted by the oldest social club of Aruba, the Tivoli social club, the representatives had meetings in order to coordinate their efforts towards a single grand parade in Oranjestad, combining floats, steel bands and costumed dancers. They also organized the first Carnaval Queen Election.

The custom of having two organized grand parades began in 1957, the first being in San Nicolas and the second in Oranjestad. After 8 years, the Calypso and Roadmarch became an integral part of the carnival season when the Calypso competitions were introduced.

The Carnaval we know now started during the fourth era, which started in the year 1966. This era saw the establishment of the Aruban Carnaval Foundation and the establishment of the lighting parade.

Today, our Carnaval has grown into one of the largest in the Caribbean with a month-long schedule of parades, queen elections and activities.

Even though we won't begin to see parades until January 2026, this month will already see activities take place, like the 'Prince and Pancho' competition this Saturday. The Prince's main role is to introduce the Carnival Queen during the parades. The Pancho's role is to be the Prince's side kick. The Prince and Pancho competition centers on the charisma of competing participants—men pair in duos (a prince and his side kick pancho) cracking jokes and proving their ability to create great ambience.

For more Carnaval related news, keep up with Aruba Today's coverage during the Carnaval Season. □

Aruba Tourism Authority Honors Loyal Visitors at Bucuti& Tara Boutique Beach Resort!



The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the pleasure of recognizing one of Aruba's Distinguished Visitors. The honorees were presented with a certificate in appreciation for their many years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island.

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**Aruba Tourism Authority Honors
Loyal Visitors at Costa Linda
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The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the pleasure of recognizing one of Aruba's Goodwill Ambassadors. The honorees were presented with a certificate in appreciation for their many years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island.

This honorary certification is awarded on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests who have visited Aruba for 10, 20, or 35 consecutive years or more.

The three levels of recognition are:

- Distinguished Visitor – 10+ consecutive years visiting Aruba
- Goodwill Ambassador – 20+ consecutive years visiting Aruba
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Honored:**

Mr. Gustavo & Mrs. Griselda Lopez Rodriguez from Bariloche, Rio Negro, Argentina.

Mr. Jorgino Willems, representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, along with staff members of Costa Linda Beach Resort, presented the certificate, offered gifts, and expressed heartfelt thanks to the honorees for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination, their home away from home. Top reasons for returning to Aruba, as shared by the honorees:

- Aruba's beaches.
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- Aruba's safety and tranquility.
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On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island." □

Explore Aruba!

(ORANJESTAD)—Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.

Arikok National Park



The Arikok National park is worth the ride. We love the hikes that are guided by the park's rangers whose job is to maintain trails and protect natural resources. The flora and fauna are beautiful and the historical sites tell you about the island's indigenous roots. If you are not up to walking, you can drive through the park, one way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In total, the park consists of 34 square kilometers of protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whiptail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.acf.aw

Natural Bridge

One of Aruba's favorite tourist attractions is the Natural Bridge. For thousands of years, pounding waves and strong winds have slowly chiseled away the limestone cliffs along Aruba's north coast to create sev-



eral natural bridges. The largest of these bridges used to be the famous Natural Bridge. The bridge was a formation of coral limestone cut out by years of pounding surf, and was one of the largest of these types of spans in the world. It stood some 23 feet (7 meters) above sea level and spans more than 100 feet (30 meters). Unfortunately the bridge collapsed on September 2, 2005. Despite this, it is still the most photographed natural bridge and it remains a popular tourist attraction in Aruba, with the adjacent and intact Baby Bridge also meriting a visit. The Natural Bridge is the perfect stop while touring Aruba. There is no admission fee or set hours for visiting. Quench your thirst with refreshing beverages & refuel your tank with local snacks.

The Lourdes Grotto

Named in commemoration of the famous French religious landmark, was created under the guidance of a priest named "Erkamp" and parishioners in the year 1958. The grotto, a shrine built into the rocks is located in Seroe Preto, just off the main road to San Nicolas. A statue of the Virgin Mary, weighing 700 kilos, was hoisted into place in the grotto. Every year, on February 11 (feast of Lady of Lourdes), a procession leaves from the St. Theresita church in San Nicolas to the grotto, where a mass is performed. The grotto is located road-side and can be visited daily. Just make sure you park safely in the event you wish to stop for pictures at this location. □





Article by Etnia Nativa

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Aruba in the Era of Dutch Expansion: Conflict, Trade, Natives and Courage

The narrative of Etnia Nativa—which means Native Ethnicity—highlights the importance of recovering and preserving Aruba's cultural identity and heritage. Through this platform, readers gain access to an authentic native perspective that both educates the public and inspires a growing "island caretaker mindset."

In this episode, we explore a sensitive yet globally relevant topic: geopolitics, the most consequential form of politics. You'll discover how the decisions that shape the world's destiny are not made by a single government, but rather on a global scale. We journey back to a time when the future "great powers" were being forged through expansionism—sailing into the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean—while, in the ABC islands, the original inhabitants lived peacefully, immersed in the calm of the ocean, unaware of the changes brewing beyond the horizon at the end of the 15th century.

From the late 16th century onward, Dutch explorers began venturing into what were then Spanish territories in the New World. In 1585, they were first sighted near the southern coast of our islands by Caquetian natives. Meanwhile, small trading companies in Amsterdam, Enkhuizen, and Rotterdam initiated clandestine trade with Iberian colonies across the Atlantic, laying the foundation for the Netherlands' rise as a global power. Sephardic merchants played a particularly crucial role, introducing Dutch traders to their South Atlantic networks within the Portuguese trading world. This facilitated commercial connections with mainland America despite strict Spanish restrictions. By 1624, records indicate that livestock was being

raised by Christianized Amerindians living on Curaçao, Bonaire, and especially Aruba. Although mostly flat, Aruba features two small mountains: Yamanota and Pan de Azúcar (Sugarloaf Mountain)—the latter so named for its resemblance to a Spanish sugarloaf and known today by its Dutch name, Hooiberg, meaning "Haystack."

The island's population—comprising Amerindians, mestizos, and a few Spaniards—thrived as farmers, fishermen, and herders of horses, mules, donkeys, cattle, goats, and sheep. Life remained largely peaceful, with no documented European landings, though Dutch ships began appearing off the coast in subsequent years.

Dutch sailors, however, were cautious of Aruba's Native American riders, renowned horsemen who patrolled the island's coast. In January 1627, a Dutch expedition led by Van Uytgeest sailed near Aruba's southern coast and observed many natives on horseback, armed with long guns, bows, and arrows, appearing formidably unfriendly. Concluding that a landing would be too dangerous, the expedition continued its voyage to Riohacha, Colombia. Other Dutch squadrons passed near the island between 1628 and 1630, but Bonaire—not Aruba—was the first Leeward Island officially recorded as



visited by the Dutch, in 1623.

The broader geopolitical struggle in the Caribbean was just beginning. In 1633, Spain reconquered and seized Saint Martin—a strategic link between Brazil and New Holland—diminishing Aruba's importance along the route to Lake Maracaibo. With limited knowledge of the southern Caribbean, the Dutch relied on Jan Jansz Otsen, a sailor once captured by the Spanish and familiar with Curaçao, who provided them with crucial intelligence. Acting decisively, the Dutch officially set foot on the ABC islands in 1634, marking a turning point in Caribbean history.

Explore Aruba's Roots at Etnia Nativa

If you've enjoyed discovering our ancestral stories and wish to delve deeper into the true identity of the Aruban people, we invite you to experience Etnia Nativa—the only "living museum" of its kind in the Caribbean, celebrating the island's rich mestizaje (cultural blending). □



Founded in 1994, Etnia Nativa has been a cultural pioneer—co-founding Aruba's National Park, the Archaeological Museum, artisan foundations, and several grassroots initiatives dedicated to heritage and conservation. But Etnia Nativa isn't just a place — it's a gateway. Quietly tucked away near the high-rise hotels, this private residence also serves as a cultural sanctuary, unknown to most tourists. And that's part of its magic. Intentionally exclusive, it welcomes only those with a genuine curiosity and a thirst for authentic discovery.

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Fruit Loose & Veggie Boost

Aruban fruits and vegetables

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mango's hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Mispel

This is a fruit with a character (5-10 cm/2-4 inches). It does not ripe until it is picked or falls off the tree. Mispel is hard with a sandpaper like texture when immature, soft and juicy when ripe. It's technically a berry, but contains a skin similar to that of a kiwi. It's grainy and sweet, with a light, musky flavor. The sap or gum from the tree is also a source of 'chicle' the original ingredient used to make chewing gum. Rich in tannins, antioxidants shown to contain anti-inflammatory compounds, and vitamin C, essential for healthy immune function. Season: year- round.

Kenepa



Ovoid green fruit that grows in bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body. This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif



There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often

used in ocean-side landscaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing constipation. Season: Sep-Oct.

Shimarucu



Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimarucu. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarucus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

Tamarind

A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods characterized by long, brown shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March.

When it comes to veggies the island certainly offers a home-grown selection. They taste delicious and have their specific talents to boost your immune system.

Concomber chiquito

This is a sort of local squash, but looks like a cucumber with prickly skin. The taste however is bitterer than the cucumber and the vegetable is smaller in size but bigger in width. Inside is a soft, fleshy pulp and seeds, just like the cucumber. Concomber chiquito is grown in the island and used in salads and 'stoba' (stew) or on its own in vinegar. The veggie contains multiple B vitamins, including vitamin B1, vitamin B5, and vitamin B7 (biotin). B vitamins are known to help



ease feelings of anxiety and buffer some of the damaging effects of stress. Additionally this veggie is rich in two of the most basic elements needed for healthy digestion: water and fiber. Season: year- round.

Yambo

Family of Okra, also known as 'lady's fingers': a green flowering plant. Okra belongs to the same plant family as hibiscus and cotton. A classic favorite dish in Aruba is Sopi di yambo. It has long been favored as a food for the health-conscious. It contains potassium, vitamin B, vitamin C, folic acid, and calcium. It's low in calories and has a high dietary fiber content. Recently, a new benefit of including okra in your diet is being considered. Okra has been suggested to help manage blood sugar in cases of type 1, type 2, and gestational diabetes. Season: year-round.

Bonch'i Cunucu

A long, small bean, boiled for a side dish or snack. Long beans have a chewy, crunchy texture—more so than snap beans—and a flavor reminiscent of the dry navy bean or asparagus. Besides stir-fry, soups and salads, the long bean is a good choice for stewing, braising (to remain chewy and firm), sautéing, shallow frying, and deep frying. With cooking, the long bean's bean flavor intensifies. Long beans are low in calories, about 45 calories per cup, and rich in vitamin A and also contain vitamin C and potassium. Season: year-round.

Pampuna



In the endless summer of Caribbean living we only have to concern ourselves with a wet season and a dry season. Still we do indulge heavily in the pleasures of pumpkin and enjoy Caribbean pumpkin recipes year round. A popular dish in Aruba is Sopi di Pompuna, don't miss it. This dish is made of pumpkin soup, and parsley. Pumpkins are rich in flavonoid polyphenolic antioxidants such as xanthin, lutein and carotenes and also contain vitamins. Pumpkin seeds are a good source of omega-3 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals and proteins. Pumpkins are used to make desserts, breads and soups. □

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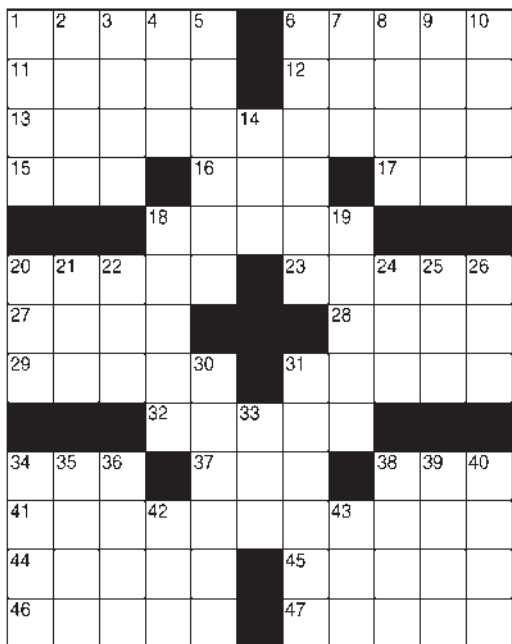
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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Cryptoquote: EITHER YOU DEAL WITH WHAT IS THE REALITY, OR YOU CAN BE SURE THAT THE REALITY IS GOING TO DEAL WITH YOU. — ALEX HALEY

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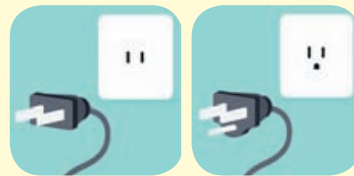
Helpful tips for your stay on Aruba

(Oranjestad)—When traveling to another country, especially for the first time, it is always better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. That is why we have a list of basic but important information that we think may come in handy to Aruba's visitors.



Drinking water

The water that flows through the sinks of every house, hotels and other establishments is distilled and perfectly safe to drink. Aruba's drinking water exceeds WHO's international standards for water quality, so there is no need to buy bottled water from the store.



Electrical power

Aruba generally operates on 110V to 127V supply voltage and 60Hz. There are also three types of outlets used on the island: type A with two flat prongs; type B with two flat and one grounding prong, and on occasion, type F with two round prong and two earth clips on the side. However, Type A is most commonly found in homes and establishments.



Safety

Since February 2024, Aruba has been categorized as the safest country in the Caribbean by The Telegraph, and many tourist that visit have often told us how they feel safe to explore the island or walk around at night. However, rare incidents do occur, so keep yourself and your belongings safe.

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Difficulty: ★★

11/11

Apple pulls two gay dating apps in China under government order



FILE - The iPhone 17 Pro is displayed during an announcement of new products at Apple Park on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, in Cupertino, Calif.

(AP Photo/Godofredo A. Vásquez, File)

By **CHAN HO-HIM AP Business Writer**

BANGKOK (AP) — Apple said it has pulled two of China's biggest gay dating apps, Blued and Finka, under pressure from Chinese authorities, in the latest sign of a tightening grip on the LGBTQ+ community.

An Apple spokesperson said in a statement that the company removed the two dating apps from China "based on an order from the Cyberspace Administration of China", without further elaborating.

"We follow the laws in the countries where we operate," the spokesperson told The Associated Press.

A check by The Associated Press on Tuesday found that the two apps are not available on Apple's app store in China, although an "express" version of Blued could still be found. It was unclear what the differ-

ence is between the full and express versions or if an Android version might be available.

Blued was available "only in China," Apple said. Finka's developer "elected to remove the app" outside of China earlier this year, the company added.

Another popular gay dating app, Grindr, was pulled from Apple's app store in China in 2022.

China's LGBTQ+ community and advocacy groups are under intensifying pressure from authorities, even though the country decriminalized homosexuality in 1997. Some LGBTQ+ groups have been forced to cease operations in recent years in China and activism has been constrained.

Blued and Finka have the same parent company, BlueCity, a China-founded company that focuses on

the LGBTQ+ community in China and abroad. BlueCity was delisted from the Nasdaq in 2022, when it was taken private.

Last year, Apple also reportedly removed apps including WhatsApp and Threads from its app store in China under an order by the Cyberspace Administration of China.

"Among all foreign tech companies that provide services to Chinese users, Apple is probably the one which is most willing to comply with Chinese internet regulations," said George Chen, partner and co-chair of digital practice at The Asia Group. □

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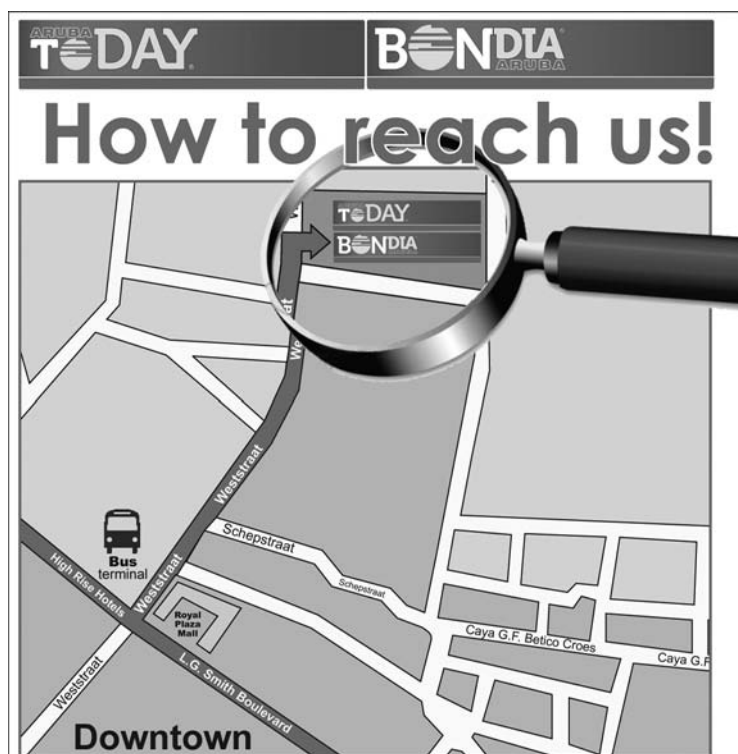
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ARUBA TODAY NEWS



Sally Kirkland, stage and screen star who earned an Oscar nomination in 'Anna,' dies at age 84



Sally Kirkland arrives at the Multicultural Motion Picture Association annual Oscar week luncheon in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Feb. 22, 2008.

By **MARK KENNEDY** AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sally Kirkland, a one-time model who became a regular on stage, film and TV, best known for sharing the screen with Paul Newman and Robert Redford in "The Sting" and her Oscar-nominated title role in the 1987 movie "Anna," has died. She was 84.

Her representative, Michael Greene, said Kirkland died Tuesday morning at a Palm Springs hospice.

Friends established a GoFundMe account this fall for her medical care. They said she had fractured four bones in her neck, right wrist and left hip. While recovering, she also developed infections, requiring hospitalization and rehab. Kirkland acted in such films as "The Way We Were" with Barbra Streisand, "Revenge" with Kevin Costner, "Cold Feet" with Keith Carradine and Tom Waits, Ron Howard's "EDtv," Oliver Stone's "JFK," "Heatwave" with

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, File)

Cicely Tyson, "High Stakes" with Kathy Bates, "Bruce Almighty" with Jim Carrey and the 1991 TV movie "The Haunted," about a family dealing with paranormal activity. She had a cameo in Mel Brooks' "Blazing Saddles." Her biggest role was in 1987's "Anna" as a fading Czech movie star remaking her life in the United States and mentoring to a younger actor, Paulina Porizkova. Kirkland won a Golden Globe and earned an Oscar nomination along



Michael Douglas, left, and Sally Kirkland appear with their awards for best actor for "Wall Street" and best actress for "Anna," at the 45th Annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Jan. 24, 1988.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon, File)

with Cher in "Moonstruck," Glenn Close in "Fatal Attraction," Holly Hunter in "Broadcast News" and Meryl Streep in "Ironweed."

"Kirkland is one of those performers whose talent has been an open secret to her fellow actors but something of a mystery to the general public," The Los Angeles critic wrote in her review. "There should be no confusion about her identity after this blazing comet of a performance."

Kirkland's small-screen acting credits include stints on "Criminal Minds," "Roseanne," "Head Case" and she was a series regular on the TV shows "Valley of

the Dolls" and "Charlie's Angels." Born in New York City, Kirkland's mother was a fashion editor at Vogue and Life magazine who encouraged her daughter to start modeling at age 5. Kirkland graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts and studied with Philip Burton, Richard Burton's mentor, and Lee Strasberg, the master of the Method school of acting. An early breakout was appearing in Andy Warhol's "13 Most Beautiful Women" in 1964. She appeared naked as a kidnapped rape victim in Terrence McNally's off-Broadway "Sweet Eros." □

Writer David Szalay wins prestigious Booker Prize for fiction with his earthy novel 'Flesh'

By **JILL LAWLESS** Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Canadian-Hungarian-British writer David Szalay won the Booker Prize for fiction on Monday for "Flesh," the story of one man's life from working-class origins in Hungary to mega-wealth in Britain, in which what isn't on the page is just as important as what is.

Szalay, 51, beat five other finalists, including favorites Andrew Miller of Britain and Indian author Kiran Desai, to take the coveted literary award, which brings a 50,000-pound (\$66,000)

payday and a big boost to the winner's sales and profile. He was chosen from 153 submitted novels by a judging panel that included Irish writer Roddy Doyle and "Sex and the City" star Sarah Jessica Parker. Doyle said "Flesh" a book "about living, and the strangeness of living" emerged as the judges' unanimous choice after a five-hour meeting.

Szalay's book recounts in spare, unadorned style the life of taciturn István, from a teenage relationship with an older woman through time as a strug-

gling immigrant in Britain to unlikely denizen of London high society.

Szalay said he wrote "Flesh" under pressure, after abandoning a novel he'd been working on for four years. He said the story grew from "simple, fundamental ingredients." He knew he "wanted a book that was partly Hungarian and partly English" and was about "life as a physical experience."

Accepting his trophy at London's Old Billingsgate a former fish market turned glitzy events venue Szalay thanked the judges for re-



Hungarian-British author David Szalay poses for photographers with the trophy after winning the Booker Prize 2025 for his book 'Flesh' during a ceremony at Old Billingsgate in London, Monday, Nov. 10, 2025.

(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

warding his "risky" novel. He recalled asking his editor "whether she could

imagine a novel called 'Flesh' winning the Booker Prize." □



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Carlos Alcaraz beats Taylor Fritz and moves within 1 win of year-end No. 1



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz celebrates after winning against United States' Taylor Fritz during their tennis match of the ATP World Tour Finals, in Turin, Italy, Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025.

(AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Carlos Alcaraz is one win away from securing the year-ending No. 1 ranking.

Alcaraz rallied past Taylor Fritz 6-7 (2), 7-5, 6-3 on Tuesday at the ATP Finals and now needs to either win his final group match against Lorenzo Musetti or an eventual semifinal to finish a year No. 1 for the second time in his career.

Alcaraz, who improved to 2-0 at the season-ending event for the top eight players, could seal a spot in the semifinals if

Alex de Minaur beats Musetti later.

If Alcaraz doesn't win another match and Jannik Sinner goes undefeated to defend his title, Sinner will finish No. 1.

Alcaraz produced 47 winners to Fritz's 38 and managed to come back from a set down despite 14 aces from his American opponent.

Alcaraz now tops the Jimmy Connors group ahead of Fritz, who is 1-1. De Minaur and Musetti are both 0-1. □

Tony Mansolino to become the Atlanta Braves bench coach rather than 3rd base coach

ATLANTA (AP) — Former Baltimore Orioles interim manager Tony Mansolino will become the Atlanta Braves bench coach under new manager Walt Weiss rather than third base coach.

Atlanta changed Mansolino's job Tuesday, four days after his hiring was announced. Mansolino had been the Orioles third base coach since 2021 when he replaced manager Brandon Hyde on May 17. Mansolino led the team to a 60-59 record after a 15-28 start under Hyde.

Weiss was promoted on Nov. 3 to manager from bench coach. The Braves announced Tommy Watkins as third base coach and said Weiss' staff will include Dustin Garneau (catching), Darnell Coles (assistant hitting) and Tony Diaz (major league coach). □



FILE - Baltimore Orioles interim manager Tony Mansolino looks on from the dugout during a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, in Baltimore.

(AP Photo/Terrance Williams, File)



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo walks off the pitch after a World Cup 2026 group F qualifying soccer match between Portugal and Hungary in Lisbon, Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025.

(AP Photo/Armando Franca)

Ronaldo expects his 6th World Cup at age 41 next year is 'definitely' his last

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Cristiano Ronaldo said on Tuesday he expects his record sixth World Cup next year at age 41 will be his last.

"Definitely, yes, because I will be 41 years old," Ronaldo told CNN anchor Becky Anderson in a live video link from Portugal's training camp to a tourism conference in Saudi Arabia.

Ronaldo clarified that when he says he will retire from soccer "soon" that should mean "probably one, two years."

Portugal should seal qualification in the coming days for the World Cup that will be co-hosted by the United States, Canada and Mexico. The team needs just two points from its final qualifying group games at Ireland on Thursday and hosting last-placed Armenia on Sunday.

Ronaldo's five goals in four qualifying games have extended his men's world record to 143 for a national team.

"I feel very good in this moment. I score goals, I still feel quick and sharp, I'm enjoying my game in the national team," he said.

In regard to the end of his playing career, Ronaldo said, "Let's be honest, when I mean soon I mean probably one, two years."

"I'm enjoying the moment. But when I mean soon, it's really soon, because I give everything for football. I'm in the game for the last 25 years, I did everything."

"I have many records. I'm really proud. So let's enjoy the moment, live the moment."

Ronaldo and his great rival Lionel Messi are heading to their record sixth World Cups. That would break a tie with German great Lothar Matthäus who played at each World Cup from 1982-98.

Argentina captain Messi is going as the defending champion and will turn 39 during the group stage in North America. □

MLB, sportsbooks cap bets on individual pitches in response to pitch-rigging scandal

By RONALD BLUM AP Baseball Writer

Major League Baseball said its authorized gaming operators will cap bets on individual pitches at \$200 and exclude them from parlays, a day after two Cleveland Guardians players were indicted and accused of rigging pitches at the behest of gamblers. MLB said Monday the limits were agreed to by sportsbook operators representing more than 98% of the U.S. betting market. The league said in a statement that pitch-level bets on outcomes of pitch velocity and of balls and strikes "present heightened integrity risks because they



PIC 1: FILE - Cleveland Guardians pitcher Emmanuel Clase during a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants, in San Francisco, June 17, 2025. (AP Photo/Jeff Chiu, file)

Penn, Pointsbet, Potawatomi, Rush Street and Underdog.

Cleveland pitchers Emmanuel Clase and Luis Ortiz were indicted Sunday in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn on charges they took bribes from sports bettors to throw certain types of pitches. They were charged with wire fraud conspiracy, honest services wire fraud conspiracy, conspiracy to influence sporting contests by bribery and money laundering conspiracy.

The indictment says they helped two unnamed gamblers in the Dominican Republic win at least \$460,000 on bets placed on the speed and outcome of certain pitches, including some that landed in the dirt.

Ortiz's lawyer, Chris Georgalis, said in a statement that his client was innocent and "has never, and would never, improperly influence a game not for anyone and not for anything." A lawyer for Clase, Michael J. Ferrara, said his client "has devoted his life to baseball and doing everything in his power to help his team win. Emmanuel is innocent of all charges and looks forward to clearing his name in court."

The U.S. Supreme Court in 2018 ruled the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 was unconstitutional, allowing states to legalize sports betting. □

focus on one-off events that can be determined by a single player and can be inconsequential to the outcome of the game."

"The risk on these pitch-level markets will be significantly mitigated by this new action targeted at the incentive to engage in misconduct," the league said. "The creation of a strict bet limit on this type of bet, and the ban on parlaying them, reduces the payout for these markets and the ability to circumvent the new limit."

MLB said the agreement included Bally's, Bet365, BetMGM, Bet99, Betr, Caesars, Circa, DraftKings, 888, FanDuel, Gamewise, Hard Rock Bet, Intralot, Jack Entertainment, Mojo, Northstar Gaming, Oaklawn,

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Cleveland Guardians' Luis Ortiz pitches in the first inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, in Cleveland, April 30, 2025. (AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki, File)